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2012 ACCG Emory Greene Leadership Award Clayton County Chairman Eldrin Bell

Jonesboro, Georgia- the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) has awarded Clayton County Chairman Eldrin Bell the 2012 recipient of the Emory Greene Leadership Award. ACCG Leadership Awards are the highest honors given to elected or appointed county officials.

Awards are selected by the Board of Managers Awards Committee, led by the ACCG third vice president, and recognized at the ACCG Annual Meeting. The Emory Greene Leadership Award is considered the highest award presented by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and recognizes a county commissioner who has made significant contributions in the local community and at the state level. Clayton County is honored to have as the 2012 recipient of the ACCG Emory Greene Leadership Award, Chairman Eldrin Bell.

Included in the nomination for the Leadership Award, Chairman Bell is recognized for his involvement in the county government through various services. Chairman Bell spearheaded the 2008 special-purpose local-option sales tax (SPLOST), providing the county with over \$300 million for green space, parks, libraries, roads and infrastructure in a time of declining revenues.

In May of 2011 Chairman Bell convened a Planning Committee to develop a 2 day Regional Housing Summit going beyond Clayton County to provide local, state, regional, and national experts of every aspect of the housing market to address the most pressing issues of causation, best practices, and passion for the cumulative work facing Georgia.

Chairman Bell serves as a Corner Stone Board Member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Associate Member of the Gate City Bar Association, and Life Member of Clayton County NAACP. At the National Level, Chairman Bell has been an active member during his elected life of the National Association of Counties, serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Steering Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Board.

At the Regional level, Chairman Bell serves as the Chairman for the Clayton County Regional Health Board and Clayton County Greenspace, past Chairman of the Regional Transportation Planning Board, an active member of the Transportation and Air Quality (TAQC), and recently elected to serve as the Chair of Aging Service Committee (ASC) and continues his service as an Atlanta Regional Commission Board Member.

Special Comments:

Ross King, ACCG Executive Director

“Chairman Bell has dedicated his life to public service and has certainly had an impact in not only Clayton County but throughout the Atlanta region. He is well recognized among his peers in ACCG and is actively involved in our policy development process and conferences. This award is a fitting tribute to his service.”

**Mickie Williams, Administrator HUD Programs
Clayton County Housing and Community Development**

“Through the support and guidance of Chairman Bell, Clayton County has been the recipient of Regional, State, and National Housing Awards of excellence. His passion has been contagious and stakeholders have found opportunities for cross collaboration and sustainable commitments for the daunting economic tasks ahead.”

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